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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

This communication is intended to be fully responsive to the non-final Office Action dated April 23, 2002, concerning the above-identified patent application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.142 and 1.111.

REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the non-final Office Action dated April 23, 2002. In this non-final Office Action, the Examiner stated:

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121: I.) Claims 1-14 and 18-28 are drawn to method of forming panels, classified in class 264, subclass 267, II.) Claims 15, 16, and 36-47 are drawn to a rack, classified in class 211, subclass 85.8, III.) Claim 17 is drawn to panel, classified in class 52, subclass 783.1, IV.) Claims 29-34, drawn to a vehicle for manufacturing panels, classified in class 296, subclass 181 and V.) Claim 35,

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